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Unprecedented Attack on CIA By Red Propaganda Machine

Communists Charge U.S. Intelligence
Apparatus Dominates Foreign Policy

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AFTER THE RECENT CHANGE in command the Central Intelligence Agency received some bad news breaks. These incidents have helped to power the propaganda machine of the Communist bloc, which in recent months has been directing an attack on an unprecedented scale in 12 or more languages against the agency.

For the first time not only the CIA but the "intelligence community" has been branded as comprising an "invisible government" dominating American foreign policy. The line was laid down nearly a year ago in a broadcast by Moscow radio in Russian and it has been repeated with ever greater force. The broadcast referred to "nine other government organizations" making up the intelligence community.

"The invisible government includes many other organizations which from without appear to be integral parts of the government machinery," the broadcast said. "It even includes individuals who work for various firms and establishments, the Peace Corps and other organizations which the United States maintains abroad."

This last is a sore point with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who have insisted that they should share in the supervision of the CIA along with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. They contend that the agency influences foreign policy.

When he appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee to apologize for a letter he had sent to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat praising an editorial attacking Chairman J. William Fulbright, Richard Helms, the new CIA director, volunteered the statement that CIA had never in any way tried to use the Peace Corps as a cover.

THE MOSCOW broadcasts said that the White House not only bore responsibility for CIA operations but "it approves plans to overthrow governments or bribe the subjects of foreign

states, even friendly states. In other words, the invisible government is directed by the visible government.

A recent Moscow broadcast to Indonesia charged that the CIA was directly involved in "the inciting of reactionary groups to murder patriots, carry out disruptive activities against democratic organizations and to burn their homes and property." Thus, in effect, the CIA was credited with the overthrow of the Indonesian Communist party and the massacre that ensued. Although this was certainly not the intention, it makes the intelligence agency look 10 feet tall.

Several broadcasts have had CIA agents fomenting trouble between Iran and Iraq from headquarters in a border town called Sulaymaniyah. A broadcast from East Germany intimated that a proposed educational foundation, to use blocked Indian currency to further scientific and technical training in India, was a device for spreading CIA influence.

The broadcast cited a series of articles on the CIA that appeared in the New York Times. The proposed foundation has stirred Indian sensitivity over the independence of India's educational system.

THE CIA engineered the killing of Fabricio Ojeda, leader of the Venezuelan guerrillas, said a dispatch to Prensa Latina in Havana from Montevideo. A so-called clandestine radio broadcasting in Turkish to Turkey charged the CIA with providing funds for the Justice party so that it could defeat the Democratic party in recent elections. The big oil companies,

the broadcast said, "operate as partners of the Justice party."

A report given wide currency by Communist senders had CIA agents planning to kidnap the 12 members of Cuba's women's volley ball team. The plot was averted only by "the determined attitude of the girls who fought against the traitorous elements."

Why this rapidly stepped up attack on the CIA and the intelligence community? The answer can only be speculative. One reason being advanced is that it may be a response to the disclosure of Soviet espionage techniques in the case of Stig Wennerstrom, the Swedish military attache in Washington and Moscow who passed on masses of classified information.

What has come out of Wennerstrom's secret trial in Stockholm gives a broader picture of the world-wide operation of the Soviet Union's KGB and GRU than anything that previously had been made public. The evidence is put together in "An Agent in Place" by Thomas Whiteside, just published. It shows how thoroughgoing and pervasive Soviet espionage techniques are.

There is another reason with heavily ironic overtones. If the CIA had done even one-tenth of what these broadcasts allege it has been up to, then it is an agency far exceeding in scope what its severest critics here at home say about it. A newcomer in the spy business, it may have begun to daunt the Russians, who rate themselves tops in the field.

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